

# Giants and Red Sox are Showing Speed For the Pennant Race

## Pennant Winners Already in Good Form

Giants, in the Nationals, and Red Sox, in the American, Are Showing Mid-Season Form.

By JOHN E. WRAY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—With long range glasses fixed on the future, it almost appears as though we can hear the cashiers shouting: "Get your Red Sox and Giants tickets ready, boys. We play off on April 10."

But they don't.

That's what makes this spring predicting business about as safe as dropping a nitroglycerin can from the Washington monument or punching Sam Langford in the nose when the militia is not with you.

But if one did venture an opinion this early in the race it would have to be detrimental to the many fond hopes that are being used to tease the Athletics and Pirates into thinking they have a chance.

More "Midsummer Form."

At present the Giants are in famous shape for the lead off. There seems little doubt that this club is right now in shape to open the season, and that by April 10 it will have caught its championship stride fully. Already Jeff Touseau has gone the blue line route with scintilla, while that utter rout of Waco's team shows how far ahead of the rest of the world the New York team's condition is.

Wood Already Smoking.

The Red Sox work at Hot Springs, Ark., and are in good form. But the pitching shows that Reddy, Wood, Hall and the rest of the regular pitchers are going to be there, and that will be about all that's needed. The Red Sox staff will contain the Athletics, but the accident, whether Bender comes back to form.

And as the pitching goes, in the American league, so will the title fall.

The same may not be true in the National league, where Touseau, Mathewson and Marquard appear to be the best in the league. McGraw's team has not the best defense in the world. In fact, it is a very shaky one, and it is an early start against backward rivals that is needed to give McGraw the advantage.

Any that McGraw is certain to get away with the first foot front, is shown by the team's splendid early shape.

The fly in the ointment is the growing belief that a team which starts the season on edge is sure to go stale and crack before the six months grind is ended.

However, give us the team that starts well—we'll take a chance on the finish, with such good substitutes available as McGraw owns.

Not Many Like McGraw.

Jim Thorpe should offer, nightly thanks that he came into the baseball arena under the auspices of John McGraw. Under no other manager could Thorpe get so real a chance to learn, to develop and to make good as under the Little Napoleon. And if there is anything in making a ball player give the raw material, Thorpe will be turned out a finished product by McGraw.

It's one characteristic of McGraw that he never lets go an experiment until he is satisfied further efforts are useless.

A few McGraws in other walks of life would be appreciated for the same reason. Those who have the "makings," but lack the opportunity to learn.

## Indian Thorpe Is Unable To Hit A Curve

Manager McGraw of the Giants Finds Thorpe Is Awkward in the Outfield and That He Misjudges Flies.

By E. W. COCHRANE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian, and greatest athlete the world has ever known, is not going to be a big hit in baseball this season, John McGraw, manager of the Giants, says. Thorpe is not exactly a disappointment, but that he has much to learn before he will be of value to the Giants. The scouts sent out of Martin Springs about Thorpe have not helped him in his effort to make good, and McGraw has given out the facts concerning the Indian's ability. Here are a few of the losses he is making in making turns on the bases.

Doesn't know how to get away from the plate—slow men beat him down to first.

He knows absolutely nothing of the "inside" of base stealing.

He finds difficulty in mastering the slide.

He is awkward in the outfield and misjudges flies repeatedly.

He can't hit a curve ball.

He does not know the arts or tricks of the game, and little about the interworking of team's units on defense and attack.

But Thorpe has some good qualities and McGraw is going to try to make the most of them. His good qualities are:

He has tremendous native speed.

He is attentive and obedient and seems eager to learn.

He swings powerfully at the ball and drives it far when he lands.

He can hit either a high or low ball, if he is straight.

He is strong and game.

Frank Chance has ordered that all ballplayers on the New York American league team shall not play poker.

## LAWYERS CHALLENGE EL PASO MEDICOS

Would Settle Superiority of the Two Professions on the Field (Baseball) of Honor.

The following communication was passed from the hands of attorney C. A. Kinkel to the hands of Dr. A. A. Stark today:

El Paso, Tex., March 24, 1913.

To the President and Members of the El Paso County Medical Association, El Paso, Tex.

The question of the baseball supremacy of the lawyers or the doctors of El Paso has recently arisen. We feel that this reflects upon the mental and physical superiority of the lawyers. Professional honor demands that so vital a question should immediately be determined.

Therefore, the bar of El Paso county challenges the doctors of El Paso to meet us on the field of honor, there to determine the legal-medical baseball championship of El Paso, at such place and time as may hereafter be agreed upon.

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For the El Paso Bar.

## Stars of the Ring Come and Go Rapidly

Although Fighting for Four Years, "Gunboat" Smith Was Practically Unknown Eight Months Ago—Lightweights Have Lively Mills Scheduled.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

STARS of the sporting world come and go with lightning rapidity. It does not require much time to make or unmake a star, especially in these days of lustre.

A few weeks ago Bombardier Wells, the British heavyweight champion, was being boomed to the skies by all the critics and also demanded first crack at Luther McCarry for the heavyweight title of America. It was a plum that all the heaven wanted and several of them were willing to risk battle with the Bombardier in order to get a crack at Luther if possible. Los Angeles had offered big money for the meeting between Wells and McCarry, but Bombardier's manager figured that he could grab off two big checks by first meeting George Carpentier, the Garden city secured for him in New York and then taking on McCarry in the west.

He grabbed off the New York match all right, but he bit off more than he could chew, for the golden state of California—handed him a most beautiful sleep producing punch.

Not only was the Los Angeles match, which Uncle Tom McCarry offered him, gone by the boards, but his chance to meet George Carpentier, the French champion, for a big slice of money, is also lessened. Wells had been offered \$18,000 before he left England to remain over and meet the Frenchman, but he wanted more and then decided that the New York match would be the proper caper. It will take several battles now to bring the Bombardier back into favor.

And the man who sprung the surprise in beating Wells so decisively, Harry Winstone, made a name for himself by knocking out the champion of the Hub. Then came his defeat of Jim Stewart, another big fellow and a good one among the second division of the ring. Winstone's victory over Stewart, and later he had the best of Jack Tim Sullivan in the big city. When they sprung Harry Winstone, the champion of the Hub, they made a name for themselves. Gunboat Smith's hopes by stopping him in one round. Frank Moore, of Pittsburgh, another promoter, hope, was brought forth, and after 25 rounds of battling on the coast Smith, the navy, won again. So it can be seen that his win over the Bombardier is not exactly an accident nor a fluke, as they would say. McCarry, of course, will now pay considerable attention to Luther McCarry.

Tommy Walsh, manager of Joe Mandot, has started west again with his protégé in an effort to make a name to the top of the lightweight ladder again. The knockout Joe suffered at the hands of Jack Stewart, who has had a bad effect on the French boy's earning powers and it is the aim of the manager to get him back on his feet. He has made up his mind to go direct to Jim Coffroth at San Francisco, from Mexico City, and try to match him up with the best available. He also wants to match him with "Crom" Smith, who is east, but the foxey Jew boy will be careful about giving Joe a chance to reverse the order of things.

A western club has made an offer for Mandot and Pal Brown, the Minnesota lightweight sensation, and they may come together some time during April. Pal has been coming along nicely and his defeat of Steve Kay, of Chicago, helped him a lot. Not only that, but Willie Ritchie, the champion, has proved himself a match for him. He continues to advance in the lightweight class, which may mean that some of the line are in for a shock before next September. Brown has not stopped training, but on the other hand has kept in good shape with his new trainer, Jack Dougherty, and has numerous matches about the middle west which will keep him busy into May.

Another lightweight battle that will attract plenty of attention will be the second meeting between Leach, Cross and Joe Rivers in New York, April 5. Their last session was a hot one and this time there will be more interest than before, for both are contenders now for a chance at the Ritchie crown. Cross has proved himself a match for him and just now looks like a real challenger for the title.

Knockout Brown and Bud Anderson, the Calgary 125 pounder, are to have it out again next month. Tom McCarry has decided to give them another chance at Los Angeles. These boys fought a hard 20 round draw last week and are anxious to have the matter of supremacy settled one way or the other.

Chris Christie, the Milwaukee middleweight, has been getting into the big game since he put up that hurricane fight with Eddie McCarry at Fond du Lac a few weeks ago. Gus now considers himself one of the real big boys in the division and his manager, Teddy Murphy, who was at one time the original boy manager, is pushing him along with the same old "Gus" tactics. Christie is in sight that he will be in continuing training for the next three months.

Lightweight "Chene" was an all around athlete when he attended the El Paso high school, starring at quarter on the scholastic team and playing baseball and basketball. The Lehigh college paper says that Chenoweth is showing up remarkably well and that he will make the infield and promises to be a reinforced concrete tower of strength to the Lehigh varsity team.

PENNSYLVANIA DEFEATS YALE.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Pennsylvania won from Yale here yesterday 5 to 0.

The score: R. H. E. Pennsylvania..... 5 1 0 Yale..... 0 0 0

Batteries: Pennsylvania, Imlay and Schwartz; Yale, Sherman and Burdett.

## Gossip About Sport Stars

BAN R. JOHNSON, president of the American league, will be present at St. Louis when the spring series opens between the Browns and Cardinals on March 29.

Luther McCarry has been practically matched for four bouts in the next five weeks. On April 15, he will meet Jim Flynn for a six round bout at Philadelphia; April 22, he will go to six rounds with Frank Moran at Pittsburgh; May 4, 10 rounds in Kansas City, with Carl Morris or some other scrapper; and on May 19, at Calgary, 10 or more rounds with Tommy Burns. McCarry celebrated his 25th birthday anniversary last week and declares that he is in good trim.

James J. Corbett, who is now in Denver, has dissipated the shadow that Jim Jeffries is coming back. Corbett says he was with Jeffries recently; that Jeff has plenty of money, a good business, a nice home and has no idea of again entering the ring.

Manager Johnny Evers has threatened to quit reading papers all together because of criticism. Evers was moved to action by one of the correspondents who has been rapping the Little Manager hard. Cub fans believe president Murphy will allow Jimmy Archer to lay off a year and the brunt of the backstopping will fall on Bresnahan.

Walter Johnson has broken the record for fungo hitting, driving the ball in the air a distance of 400 feet and 8 inches. The previous record was made by Ed Walsh, of the White Sox, on September 26, 1911, and was 119 feet. Since that time Mike Mitchell, of the Cincinnati Reds, is reported as having whalloped the ball 345 feet.

"Fox" Griffith is dickering for a semi-pro pitcher of Pittsburgh named Shaw, touted by Charley Hickman, as another Walter Johnson.

Bob McAllister, the San Francisco middleweight, who recently turned professional will receive \$500 a round and \$150 a minute for the second bout of his career over the next round at San Francisco on April 25.

## Murphy Awakens Suddenly From Dream

Owner of Chicago Cubs Talks of \$33,000 Offer for Roger Bresnahan—Abe Attell's "Come Back" May Encourage "Cripples."

By ED. CURLEY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 25.—I thought they stopped the import of hop? Well, anyway, Charles Murphy, the owner of the Cubs, says he was offered \$33,000 and two first class players for Roger Bresnahan, who plays behind the bat during summer. Charles refuses to tell who made the offer. Must be a dream, he says.

Showing the consistency of ball players, especially the members of the holdout gang, we will talk about Sam Crawford. A few days ago Sam wrote by his may envelope that never again was he going to wear a Detroit uniform. Then Sam rushes into Frank Navin's office and signs a contract.

"What's your hurry?" asks president Navin.

"Oh, I was afraid I'd be too late," answered Sam.

Rube Marquard is said to have received a new contract, calling for \$3,500 per season for three years. Also that he was slipped a bonus of \$1,500 for rejoining the Giants. Well, let it go at that.

Greatest incentive for semi-professional teams in big towns is the raising of prices this season by the various league clubs. Again a real bug won't kick hard on a raise of two bits if his team is up in the lead. If its not the increase will win him not.

George Rodel, the Boer (not here) champion, was almost buried through the front door of a bannery. George was what a few would call facetious.

"Hey, waiter, he shouted, 'there's an oyster in this soup.'

"That's all right," replied the feed truck, "we allus give a oyster with the soup."

"But this is tomato soup," insisted George.

"We'll go no further."

It's all right for Abe Attell to do a "come back" stunt, but the performance may start a few other backslappers trying to do the trick. It's bad enough now without encouraging the cripples, asert we.

## EL PASOANS LOSE TO CRACK BOWLERS

Francisco, of Omaha, known over the southwest, is a crack bowler and baseball fan. Two local rollers, A. W. Houck and Clark, rolled against Francisco and Brayshaw Monday night at the Wigwam alleys.

Brayshaw, pal won the match by a margin of 123 pins. Francisco rolled high game, 225, and Brayshaw high total with a run of 190. Both teams opened up with good games, but numerous splits during the balance of the game weakened the high totals.

The following scores were made:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tl.	Str.	Spr.	E. Spt.
A. Francisco	225	179	172	160	170	190	171	134	114	182	1420	22	51	7
M. Brayshaw	225	156	132	202	185	176	199	182	219	169	1900	44	42	8

  

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tl.	Str.	Spr.	E. Spt.
Ed Clark	156	129	127	178	198	163	156	195	171	144	1748	24	62	7
A. W. Houck	215	188	172	180	189	165	184	160	214	190	1851	34	55	6

Strikeouts—Brayshaw and Clark.

## "BIG ED" WALSH AS GOOD AS EVER



Illustration of a man in a suit, likely 'Big Ed' Walsh, standing and looking forward.

## MOHA AND MCGOORTHY FIGHT TEN FIST ROUNDS TO DRAW.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 25.—Bob Moha, of Milwaukee, and Eddie McGoorthy, of Oakbrook, fought a fast and furious 10 round draw at 140 pounds here last night.

ATHLETICS WIN FROM LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky., March 25.—Connie Mack's Athletics won from the Louisville team 2 to 0, in a six inning game here yesterday.

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### MIAMI WILL START GAMES ON MARCH 30

Manager J. H. Hinchiff Wants Games With Tucson, Tempe, Phoenix, Ariz., and Hurley, N. M.

Miami, Ariz., March 25.—Improvements have been made upon the ball park here, and the stand and bleachers now have a seating capacity of 1,500. The local club will start the season on March 30, and will possibly meet the Globe organization in the initial game. Hinchiff has the gift of the local club, has games in view with Tucson, Tempe, Mesa and Phoenix, and would also like to arrange a series of games with the Hurley, New Mexico, team which won the championship of the southwest in a tournament held in El Paso last season.

**YACHTSMEN AGAIN DECLINE LIFTON'S CHALLENGE FOR CUP.**

New York, N. Y., March 25.—The New York Yacht club is unwilling to meet Sir Thomas Lipton in a match for the America's cup as long as Sir Thomas insists on limiting the size of the defending yacht to that of the challenger.

The club members claim that it would be a violation of the deed of gift under which the New York club holds the America's cup as trustees, to permit the limitation of the defender to that of the challenger.

**BILL TO LEGALIZE BOXING IS VOTED IN UTAH.**

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 25.—The bill passed by the legislature two weeks ago, to legalize 15 round boxing exhibitions, has been vetoed by governor William Spry.

### SKINNY SHANER'S GOOGLY DEPARTMENT

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HOW IS WE GOING TO FIND OUT WHERE WE GET SICK UNLESS WE FIRST KNOW WHERE THE SQUEAK GOES WHEN OUR SHOES GET OLD?

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ONE MOMENT SIR, SAID A MAN IN THE AUDIENCE INTERRUPTING THE SPEAKER. "YOU SAY IF WE HAD LOW TARIFF THE COUNTRY WOULD GO TO THE DEMITION BOW-WOWS. AND THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE TOLLS ON THE CANAL WE WILL LOSE UNTOLED WEALTH. NOW ADMITTING THAT BOTH THOSE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE ID LIKE TO ASK YOU WHERE THEN WOULD THE BUMBLE BEE?"

AND HE NEVER TOOK A LESSON IN HIS LIFE

GENTLEMEN BE SEATED TARRA-RA

TAMBO—MISTAM JOHNSON, WHAT KIND OB A COSTUME DID EWE WEAR IN DE GAWDEN OB EDEN?

INTERLOCUTOR—WHY? BELIEVE SHE IS CREDITED WITH HAVING WORN A COSTUME OF FIG LEAVES

TAMBO—FIG LEAVES? DID YOU SAY, FIG?

INTERLOCUTOR—YES. WHY?

TAMBO—BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE HAD A DATE ON WITH ADAM

SONG BY THE ENTIRE COMPANY ENTITLED: "STRIKE THE HARP GENTLY"

THERE WAS A LANDSLIDE ON THE CANAL AND MIKE HALLOR AN WAS BURIED UNDER A FEW TONS OF EARTH. THE GANG GOT BUSY TO DIG HIM OUT. BEFORE THEY COULD REACH HIM THEY GOT INTO COMMUNICATION WITH HIM AND PAT HENNESSEY YELLED DOWN: "ARE YE THERE MIKE I AM PAT" REPLIED MIKE FAINTLY "AND IM A GONER SO TELL ME, WOULD IT BE PROPER TO CALL A WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN A MILWAUKEE LAGER?"

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